

**Indiana State Department of Health  
Health Care Regulatory Services Commission  
Division of Acute Care**

**Division Overview**

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is responsible for licensing Indiana health care facilities. The Division of Acute Care is the licensing authority for acute care facilities. The term “acute care” is a generic term that generally refers to healthcare facilities that provide short-term care or support services. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, home health agencies, dialysis centers, and clinical laboratories are examples of acute care facilities. A complete list of Division of Acute Care programs is listed below.

The Division of Acute Care has three primary purposes. First, the Division provides leadership on health care quality issues relating to acute care. Second, the Division provides leadership and support for agency public health initiatives in coordination with acute care facilities. Third, the Division protects Indiana citizens through health care regulations designed to ensure quality of care at acute care facilities.

The ISDH is the state healthcare survey agency. The Division of Acute Care is responsible for surveying Non Long Term Care (NLTC) facilities for compliance with Indiana health care facility licensure rules. The ISDH is also the state survey agency for Medicare/Medicaid certification programs and conducts certification surveys for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Division of Acute Care investigates all complaints that are received regarding compliance issues in licensed acute care facilities.